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COMPANY REDUCES MARINE INSURANCE RATES:
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TSINGTAO COMPANY CUTS RATES -- Tsingtao Sh-pao, 2 Jul 50

Tsingtao -- The Tsingtao branch of the China People's Insurance Company reduced rates on marine insurance, effective 1 July 1950. The new rates for each 1,000 yuan worth of cargo from Tsingtao to various ports are: 2 yuan to Shanghai, 1.2 yuan to Lien-yun and Hai-chow, 1.6 yuan to Wai-chai-wei, 1.8 yuan to Lung-k'ou, 2.4 yuan to Tientsin, Ch'in-hoang-tao, and Ying-k'ou, and 2.6 yuan to Dairen and Niu-chuang.

MAY RESUME HONG KONG--CANTON SHIPPING SOON -- Hong Kong Shing-tao Sh-pao, 3 Jul 50

Hong Kong -- Following the restoration of shipping service from Hong Kong to Swatow, Amoy, and Fort Bayard, merchants in Hong Kong are seriously considering the resumption of the same service to Canton as soon as possible. The route between Hong Kong and Canton is reported to be clear of the Nationalist blockade since Ling-t'ing and Wan-shan Islands fell to the Communists.

A foreign trade merchant in Hong Kong revealed that the Communist authorities in Shanghai have approved the immediate importation of about 10,000 tons of foreign goods into Shanghai, part of which would be purchased in Hong Kong.

Another source reported that although the Hong Kong government has imposed a ban on exporting 11 types of strategic goods from Hong Kong to China, effective 1 July 1950, those which were contracted for before 1 July are exempt from this order, and that a large amount of petroleum products, burlap sacks, and paper in Hong Kong are now waiting to be shipped to China.

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REDS PURCHASE FOREIGN GOODS IN HONG KONG -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao,
4 Jul 50

Hong Kong -- According to a reliable source, the Communists have bought and shipped more than 15,000 tons of railroad and railroad bridge materials, communication equipment, cotton, petroleum products, etc. from Hong Kong to the mainland of China during the past several weeks. It is reported that the Peiping government has ordered the immediate shipment of all goods purchased by the Communist government out of Hong Kong because of the worsening of the world situation.

SOVIET SHIP ARRIVES IN HONG KONG -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Jul 50

Hong Kong -- A Soviet ship, the Aivazovsky, belonging to the Far East Shipping Company in Vladivostok, arrived at Hong Kong from Chinnamp'o, Korea, on 6 Jul 1950, carrying about 1,000 tons of cargo.

Ships scheduled to depart from Hong Kong for China ports on July are: the steamship Choy-sang, going to Tsingtao and Tientsin; the passenger ship Hunan, going to Tientsin; and the passenger ships Mau-sang and Chinan, going to Shanghai.

ESCORT SERVICE FEES REDUCED -- Hong King Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 5 Aug 50

Chung-shan, 4 August -- Communist authorities in the Chu Chiang and Central Kwangtung districts reduced escort service fees on 1 August 1950 to lighten the burden of shipping merchants on the Chu Chiang and Hsi Chiang. Reduction was made in both Class A and Class B type escort service: Class A was reduced from 150 catties of rice per month to 100 catties, and Class B from 100 catties of rice per month to 40 catties.

SHIPPING CONTROL BOARD ESTABLISHED -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Aug 50

Peiping, 6 August -- The Economic and Financial Commission of the Central People's government has reported that the Shipping Control Board, under the Ministry of Communications, is being established to unify control and administration of harbors and navigation throughout China. Under the Shipping Control Board, there will be five district bureaus of Tientsin, Canton, Shanghai, Tsingtao, and Dairen. If necessary, branch bureaus of the district bureaus will be set up at secondary ports.

SHIPS CARRYING ILLEGAL OIL CARGO ARRESTED IN MACAO -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 2 Sep 50

Macao, 1 September -- The Macao Harbor Control Bureau has reported that it is arresting all oil-carrying ships and boats coming from Hong Kong without proper departure permits issued by the Hong Kong government. The bureau now has two lighters, the Chieh-sheng and Kuo-hsiung, a freighter Ying-te, and three fishing boats under custody. Another ship, the Tung-sheng, a converted landing ship, was detained yesterday because the permit did not designate Macao as its destination.

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